

(c) The decline in the rate of growth during April-June, 1991 was due to several factors. In some sectors, this was due to a shortage of raw materials, particularly imported raw materials, because of foreign exchange constraints. In some other sectors, the fall in growth rates may be attributed to the plateauing of demand after extremely high growth rates in previous years. The Imposition of some specific import restrictions due to balance of payments considerations contributed to a slow down in the growth in some sectors. Some sectors were affected by infrastructure constraints such as power and coal shortages in some areas while Industrial relations problems affected some other sectors.

(d) Government has recently brought out a statement on Industrial Policy, which was tabled in the Lok Sabha on 24th July, 1991. The major objective of the new policy package will be to build on the gains already made, correct the distortions or weaknesses that may have crept in maintain a sustained growth in productivity and gainful employment and attain international competitiveness. All sectors of industries whether small, medium, or large belonging to the public, private or cooperative sector will be encouraged to grow and improve on their past performance.

Storage Facility in Pauri and Chamoli districts of U.P.

2115. SHRI BHUWAN CHANDRA KHANDURI: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether storage facility for fruits, vegetables and coarse grains is available in Pauri and Chamoli districts of Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if not, the steps taken by the Government for proper storage of the said products in these districts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) and (b). The main central agencies engaged in the construction of storage capacity, namely, Central Warehousing Corporation, Food Corporation of India (primarily for capital use), National Co-operative Development Corporation and Ministry of Rural Development have not so far provided storage facilities for fruits and vegetables in districts Pauri and Chamolia. Central Warehousing Corporation and National Co-operative Development Cooperation can, however, consider any viable proposal formulated or recommended by the State Government in this matter.

As regards storage facilities for other products, including coarse grains, National Co-operative Development Corporation has extended financial assistance for the construction of godowns with an overall capacity of 12,000 tonnes in District Pauri and 2,400 tonnes in District Chamolia. The Ministry of Rural Development has also given assistance for the construction of a godown with a capacity of 3, 000 tonnes a Kotdwar in District Pauri. Central Warehousing Corporation too has plans to build a warehouse of 5,000 tonnes capacity at Srinagar in the same district.

Industrial Growth centres scheme

2116. SHRI MUKUL BALKRISHNA WASNIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have a scheme of centrally sponsored industrial growth centres to develop infrastructure for the promotion of industrial development in the backward areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have any proposal to include Mallapur town in Buldana

district under the centrally sponsored growth centres scheme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF.P.J. KURIEN): (a) to (d). The Government in June 1988, announced a scheme of growth centres to promote industrialisation of backward areas. The growth centres, each of which would be developed in an area of 400-800 hectares, would be endowed with basic infrastructure facilities like power, telecommunication, water and banking enabling them to attract industries. It is proposed to develop 70 growth centres out of which locations of 63 growth centers have been identified and announced. Each growth center would be developed at a cost of approximate Rs. 25-30 cores. It is proposed to implement the scheme in the Eighth Five Year Plan period.

Government of Maharashtra had sent 12 proposals for selection of five growth centres allotted to the State. After discus-

sions with the State Government, it has been decided to set up a growth centre each in the districts of Akola, Chandrapur, Dhule, Nanded and Ratnagiri.

[*Translation*]

Vitamin 'C' manufacturing units

2117. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the annual consumption of vitamin 'C' in the country vis-a-vis its total production; and

(b) the details of the units manufacturing this medicine with production capacity and locations thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b). The information to the extent available is given below:-